

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his thorough examination of this application, and the indication that claims 9-13 and 15-27 contain allowable subject matter. Although Applicants believe that originally-filed, independent claims 1 and 14 patentably define over the prior art, in order to expedite the examination of this application, Applicants have amended these claims.

Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 9 (indicated as allowable by the Examiner), and claim 9 has been canceled. Claims 10-12 have been amended to update the dependency of those claims.

Likewise, independent claim 14 has been amended to incorporate subject matter indicated as allowable. In this regard, independent claim 14 has been amended similar to independent claim 1. However, the power rail has not been specified as either high or low in claim 14, since dependent claims 15 and 16 (both indicated as allowable) make alternative specifications in this regard.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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